

**Wetlands Division Bi-Weekly Update
September 27, 2012**

Division Management

Budget Overview

PROGRAM AREA	TARGET As of 8/21/2012*	OPEN COM- MITMENT	OBLIGATED	LEFT
Waters of the US	Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic			
Surface Coal Mining				
Bristol Bay	\$430,000	\$300,306	\$133,354	-\$3,660
State/Tribal (ESTP)	Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic			
Coastal Wetlands				
Wetlands Condition Assessment				
Other Regulatory (includes DARTER)				
Other Non-Regulatory (Wetland Awards, Divisional training and supplies)				
Regions				
TOTAL				
Reprogrammings				
DIVISION BUDGET				

Notes:

- Target matches mid-September Status of Funds report with reprogrammings included; including the Bristol Bay add on for additional ORD work.
- **Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic**
- Bristol Bay is negative because we funding Region 10 Bristol Bay out of this pot.
- We also funded \$152k of Regional work out of out Bristol Bay, MTM and Regulatory pots, which is why the regional line shows a balance.

Travel

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

Program Management

Personnel/Organizational

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

404 Program Assessment

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

CMS/FOIA

- We should close the MTM request this week.

- We have a WOUS FOIA for which we have requested an extension. The request is for communications between the Administrator's office and us on the guidance. The AO is separately controlled on this FOIA, and we are coordinating with them.
- We have received 104 letters over to date. They started as letters from small businesses who provide services for mining. They have morphed into letters from farmers and local Tea Party groups. All are similar, but not identical. The inflow has dropped off a bit this week, and we hope that continues.

Program Updates

Transportation

- No update since last biweekly.

Coastal Wetlands Initiative

- We are awaiting final approval from Nancy in order to proceed with public release of the Coastal Wetlands Review reports for the Atlantic coast.

National Wetlands Condition Assessment

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

Enhancing State and Tribal Programs Effort

- No update since last biweekly.

National FY12 Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG)

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

State Programs/Assumption:

- We are working on the follow up items from the hearing.

Waters of the US Guidance/Rule

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

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Bristol Bay Assessment

- We received the Final Peer Review Report on 9/17/12. We provided an overview and summary of its findings/recommendations during an extended BB briefing with senior management on 9/19/12. In response to a request, we are preparing a summary of the peer review report for senior managers.
- Last week, we meet with representatives from the Alaska Conservation Foundation, BBNC, and Trout Unlimited. Monday, we met with representatives from WWF.
- On 9/20 and 9/21, reps from the BB assessment team met in Potomac Yard to discuss revisions to the mining scenario described in the BB assessment.
- On 9/24, Rep Issa, Chairman of the House Oversight and Gov Reform Committee, sent EPA an extensive Information Request regarding information related to the peer review process for the BB assessment including:
 - A list of similar watershed assessments undertaken by EPA, including the length of time it took to complete those assessments.
 - A transcript of all sessions of the peer review meeting on August 7-9, 2012, including the August 9th closed-door session as well as any other closed-door meetings between the peer review panel and EPA.
 - All documents and communications referring or relating to the peer review panel's review of the Bristol Bay watershed assessment, including communications between the peer reviewers and EPA, as well as internal EPA communications.

Surface Coal Mining in Appalachia

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Restoration

- No update since last biweekly.

Deepwater Horizon NRDA

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

High Visibility Projects

AK Natural Gas Pipeline

- No update since last biweekly.

St. Johns Basin/New Madrid Floodway Project (MO)

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

Infrastructure EO

- No update since last biweekly.

Upcoming Travel Plans/Needs

Nonresponsive – Non-Pebble/Bristol Bay Topic

- Bristol Bay: Likely another set of public meetings at the time the final assessment is released (December). ORD will look to us to help support their travel.